



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
The Near East, South Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa Undergraduate Exchange Program
(NESA UGRAD)

Application deadline: Friday, February 14, 2014

The U.S. Embassy in Zambia is pleased to announce the 2014 Near East, South Asia, and Sub-Saharan Undergraduate Exchange program (NESA UGRAD). The NESA UGRAD program provides scholarships through funds provided by the Department of State's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs (ECA) to study in a non-degree program.

The goal of the program is to provide a substantive exchange experience at a U.S. college or university for emerging student leaders from diverse, under-represented backgrounds in the Middle East, North Africa, South Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa. For the academic year 2013-2014, the program intends to place between three to five students from Zambia at U.S. colleges and universities for the full academic year (approximately 10 months). Participants will be enrolled full-time in undergraduate course work chosen from a host institution's existing curriculum to allow students ample opportunity for substantive interaction with U.S. faculty and student peers and exposure to U.S. academic and classroom culture.

In addition, to help ensure students are successful in their new academic environments, host institutions will offer instruction on topics including academic research and writing, critical thinking, time management, note-taking, study habits and test taking. This is a non-degree program and it will be the student's responsibility to check with their home institution regarding the transfer of credits accumulated during the program.

Profile of the ideal NESA UGRAD candidate:

Candidates should be highly motivated, under-represented undergraduate students from colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning in Zambia, who demonstrate leadership through academic work, community involvement, and extracurricular activities.

Eligibility Requirements: Students must:

1. Be currently enrolled in a full-time undergraduate degree program.
2. Be in good academic standing
3. Not have graduated or completed their final year of undergraduate study before they arrive in the U.S. However, individuals who entered their final year of university studies in the 2013-2014 academic year are eligible to apply for this program.
4. Be proficient in written and spoken English at the time of application, with a TOEFL score of 500 or higher (TOEFL testing fees are paid by the U.S. Embassy)
5. Submit the completed application form via the nominating U.S. Embassy officer. Applications received directly from students will not be considered.
6. Submit the recommendation form completed by a supervisor, academic advisor, professor, etc.

For more information, please contact Cultural Affairs Assistant Austin Ngoma at extension 7407 or by email: ExchangesLusaka@state.gov

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